

**Official****REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

An Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are filed herewith to extend the response period from February 28, 2002 to March 29, 2002.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as indicated below. A redlined version of the amended paragraphs is attached to this response as Appendix A.

1. (amended) A method for controlling transmission energy of a communications station, comprising:

determining a characteristic of a propagation path between said communication station and a second communication station;

adjusting said transmission energy of said communications station in accordance with a power control step size corresponding to said characteristic of the propagation path;

receiving closed loop power control commands at said communication station; and

subsequently modifying said adjusted transmission energy of said communications station in accordance with said closed loop power control commands.

Please add the following new claims as indicated below.

2. (new) An apparatus for controlling transmission energy of a communications station, comprising:

a receiver configured to receive a characteristic of a propagation path between said communication device and a second communication station and to receive closed loop power control commands from the second communication station; and

a processor configured to adjust the transmission energy of said communications station in accordance with a step size corresponding to said characteristic and to modify the adjusted transmission energy in accordance with said closed loop power control commands.

3. (new) A method for reducing delay associated with generating and processing a signal indicative of a characteristic of a propagation path between a communication station and a second communication station, comprising:

transmitting the signal indicative of the characteristic to the communication station along with power adjustment requests from the second communication station;

receiving the signal and the power adjustment requests at the communications station;

setting a transmission power level at the communications station in accordance with the received signal for a predetermined time period;

modifying the adjusted transmission power level in accordance with the power adjustment requests.

4. (new) A system for reducing delay associated with generating and processing a signal indicative of a characteristic of a propagation path between a communication station and a second communication station, comprising:

means for transmitting the signal indicative of the characteristic to the communication station along with power adjustment requests from the second communication station;

means for receiving the signal and the power adjustment requests at the communications station; and

means for setting a transmission power level at the communications station in accordance with the received signal for a predetermined time period and then modifying the adjusted transmission power level in accordance with the power adjustment requests.